



DIOCESE OF THE HIGHVELD

DIOCESAN, PARISH AND CLERGY NEWS

for

WEDNESDAY – 20th FEBRUARY 2019

Mission of the Diocese of the Highveld

To be a unified Diocese where the spiritual growth of an increasing number of people is fulfilled through experiencing the fullness of God

BISHOP'S DIARY

Day	Date	Time		Venue
Mon	18 th – 22 nd		Synod of Bishops	Kopanong
Sat	23 rd	10h00	Consecration of Bishop Daniels	Port Elizabeth
		10h00	Deacons	Room 7
Sun	24 th	09h00	St Aiden P/V	Comet
		14h30	Institution of Fr Sizwe	St Peter's Chains
Mon	25 th	17h00	HABSR BOD	Board Room
Tues	26 th	10h30	Theological Board	Board Room
		14h00	Diocesan Counselling Board	
Wed	27 th	10h30	Chapter meeting	Board Room
		15h30	Trust Board	

Gazette:

- **Institution of Fr Sizwe Sikhakhane:** Sun 24th February at St Peter's Chains, Katlehong
- **Clergy spouses:** the meeting that was planned for 23rd February has been postponed to the 2nd March. It will take place at Secunda at 10h00 hosted by Seitlotli Nhlapo. Will all those clergy spouses who will be attending, please let Margaret know by the 21st February for catering purposes.
- **Lent Programme:**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus

We have traditionally regarded sin as being merely what people do to other people. Yet, for human beings to destroy the biological diversity in God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by contributing to climate change, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, land and air – all of these are sins." Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Lent is a time when we prepare our hearts and lives before celebrating the wonder of Easter. It is a time to break free from bad habits that are hurting God, our neighbour and God's Creation.

On Ash Wednesday when we are signed with the cross, the priest will say

“Turn away from sin and believe the good news”

This Lent we are challenged to turn from the sin of damaging God’s planet and hurting our neighbours by our over use of single use (throwaway) plastic.

By 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish. Plastic is already entering into our drinking water. Plastic clogs our rivers, leaches into our soil and is one of the greatest challenges the planet faces.

The good news is that there are alternatives. We can break our dependency on throwaway plastic. This Lent, begin a journey to explore other ways of living , to limit your damage to the Earth and to inspire others.

Here is a calender of actions you can take during Lent to reduce your plastic use <http://www.greenanglicans.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Final-Calender.pdf> The Diocese of Capetown held a Conference on the land and a team put together a Lenten Study programme, edited by Rev Shaun Cozett. The materials can be found here: <http://www.greenanglicans.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2019-Lent-Program.pdf> May God bless you

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- **Annual Statistical return 2018:** It is important for the calculation of Synod reps that these forms are sent in to the Diocesan Office by the end of the month at the latest.
- **Ministerial Practice Declaration:** all those in the parish who hold office should fill in the form to be kept on file in the parish
- **Diocesan Youth Indemnity Form:** All people in charge of young people’s ministry, groups or organisations, are reminded by the PYC and the Diocese to:
 - get the permission of the Rector/Priest in Charge to transport youth especially those 18 years and under
 - complete the Diocesan Indemnity forms and hand over to Churchwardens; and
 - send a list of those young people to the Bishop’s office prior to the trip/journey. This is to protect all those in youth ministry. Failure to do so becomes your own liability.
- **From the Administrator’s desk:**
- **Unidentified Items:**
The following deposit has been made with no proper reference:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reference</u>
15/06/2018	R300.00	CASH St Boniface
01/08/2018	R100.00 cash	LYDIA MATSHEDI
23/08/2018	R5 000.00	KAMOHELO LEKHANYA
23/10/2018	R660.00	CHURCH CHOIR
26/10/2018	R700.00	CASH
20/11/2018	R225.00	Book Table Goods

- **Bookings for Diocesan Venues:** Please note that the Diocesan Administration Offices and facilities are normally open from 08:30am until 16:00pm from Monday to Thursday and from 08:30am until 13:00pm on a Friday. **For security reasons, no access to the property or the facilities will be allowed outside of these times unless proper arrangements have been made.**

Please note that **all** after hour's use of the Diocesan facilities for meetings must be booked through the **Administrator's Office**. Please use the correct booking forms for this purpose.

- Saturday meetings must please be completed by **3pm** and any car-guard must be arranged privately at your own cost.
- Access will not be granted if proper bookings are not done.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

N.B. – no bookings on a Sunday as the campus is closed on Sundays

➤ **Birthdays:**

20th Fr Joe Khumalo

21st Mtr Debra Wesseloo

21st Shirley du Preez